

REMARKS

Claims 50-127 are pending in the present application. In the office action mailed December 14, 2004, claims 50-55 and 60-127 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-43 of U.S. Patent No. 6,751,362 to Slavin (the "Slavin patent"). Claims 56-59 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

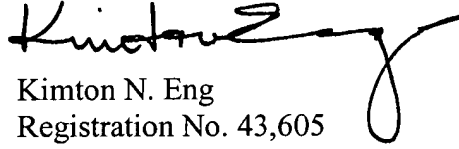
With respect to the rejection of claims 50-55 and 60-127 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) has been provided with this response. Consequently, the rejection of claims 50-55 and 60-127 for obviousness-type double patenting should be withdrawn.

With respect to the objection to dependent claims 56-59, which depend from claim 50, claim 50 has been rejected only under an obviousness-type double patenting rejection. The rejection of claim 50 has been overcome by the submission of the timely filed terminal disclaimer, as previously discussed. Thus, claims 56-59 are in condition for allowance without needing to be rewritten.

All of the claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance.
Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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